

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, older Americans are significant members of our society, investing their wisdom and experience to help enrich the lives of younger generations; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho senior centers have acted as catalysts for mobilizing the creativity, energy, vitality, and commitment of our older residents; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho senior centers empower older citizens to contribute to their own health and well-being as well as the health and well-being of their fellow citizens through a wide array of services, programs, and activities; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho senior centers create a central site for community activities which include intergenerational interaction; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho senior centers throughout the state affirm the dignity, self-worth, and independence of older persons by their decisions and actions; and

WHEREAS, older citizens provide countless volunteer hours to senior center management, operations, and provide services and programs at little or no cost to their peers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 8th through 14th, 2005, to be

SENIOR CENTER WEEK

in Idaho, and I call upon all citizens to recognize the special contributions of the senior center participants, the special efforts of the staff, and selflessness of the volunteers who work every day to enhance the well-being of the older citizens of our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-first day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE GOVERNOR

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